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SUBJ: VISIT OF AMERICAN SCHOLARS - WHITE AND LEHMAN

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1. POST REGRETS INABILITY UNDERTAKE ADDITIONAL LEHMAN PROGRAMMING AT THIS TIME.

2. SIMILARLY, POST UNABLE PROGRAM WHITE INDEPENDENTLY. MINERAL DEVELOPMENT CORP. DIRECTOR'S ASSURANCE THAT SEMINAR COULD BE ARRANGED DOESN'T CONSTITUTE GUB PERMISSION FOR USIS TO PROGRAM HIM. IT SIMPLY MEANS GUB HAS "NO OBJECTION" TO WHITE'S PARTICIPATION IN A SEMINAR THEY WOULD ARRANGE IF HE HERE.

3. WE BELIEVE SUCH A SEMINAR COULD BE USEFUL, BUT MUST MAKE CLEAR THAT POST WOULD BE UNABLE TO PROGRAM WHITE BEYOND SEMINAR.

4. POST PROGRAMS INVOLVING VOLSPKRS AND STAGS REQUIRE FORMAL MOFA APPROVAL IN ADVANCE, WHICH NECESSITATES LONG LEAD TIME IN MAKING APPLICATION.

5. IN ABSENCE FORMAL GUB APPROVAL POST UNABLE TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS WITH APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS/DEPARTMENTS/INSTITUTES. FIRST QUESTION ALWAYS, "HAVE YOU PERMISSION FROM MOFA"?, BEFORE COOPERATION AND INTENDED AUDIENCE IS FORTHCOMING.

6. EXTENT TO WHICH APPOINTMENTS, INFORMAL MEETINGS, ETC., CAN BE ARRANGED FOR PRIVATE VISITORS NOT UNDER STATE/USIA/LOCAL POST

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SPONSORSHIP VARIES CONSIDERABLY DEPENDING ON FIELD OF INTEREST AND

GUB AGENCIES INVOLVED. MOST RESPONSIVE GUB AGENCIES NORMALLY ARE MINISTRIES OF MINES, PLANNING AND FINANCE, EDUCATION, HEALTH AND THEIR COMPONENT PARTS. LEAST LIKELY TO ALLOW VISITS BY FOREIGNERS ARE MINISTRIES OF AGRICULTURE, HOME AND RELIGIOUS AFFAIRS, INDUSTRY. WE ARE ALWAYS HAPPY TO PROVIDE BRIEFINGS AND TO SEEK SUCH APPOINTMENTS ON BEHALF OF APPROPRIATE VISITORS, AND IN SOME CASES (E.G., WHITE) GUB ITSELF MAY ARRANGE LECTURE, SEMINAR, ETC. HOWEVER, IT IS NOT ALWAYS POSSIBLE TO OBTAIN DEFINITE ANSWERS OR MAKE FIRM PLANS UNTIL A FEW DAYS BEFORE VISITOR'S SCHEDULED ARRIVAL.
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